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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) A bracket apparatus for connecting and supporting a beam of a walkway and a helical anchor, comprising:
 - a beam restrainer portion having a generally horizontally extending bottom plate for supporting a beam and at least one generally vertically extending side plate for attachment to the beam;
 - a generally vertically extending shaft having an upper end attached to said bottom plate and a lower end, said shaft including a connecting plate attached thereto and extending radially therefrom; and
 - a connector assembly having an upper end releasably connected to said connecting plate and a lower end adapted to be connected to an upper end of a helical anchor, said connector assembly upper end being selectively attachable to said connecting plate to provide a length adjustment between said connecting plate and said connector assembly lower end.
- 2. (Original) The bracket apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said connecting plate extends in a plane angled from a plane in which said bottom plate extends.
- 3. (Original) The bracket apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said connecting plate extends radially at an angle from a longitudinal axis of said beam restrainer portion.
- 4. (Original) The bracket apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said connecting plate is welded to said shaft.
- 5. (Original) The bracket apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said connector assembly includes a threaded rod having an upper end and a lower end, said upper end extending through an aperture formed in said connecting plate and being releasably attached to said connecting plate by a pair of nuts threadably engaging said rod.

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- 6. (Original) The bracket apparatus according to claim 5 wherein said lower end is attached to a bracket by another pair of nuts threadably engaging said rod.
- 7. (Original) The bracket apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said bracket is generally U-shaped for receiving the upper end of the helical anchor.
- 8. (Original) The bracket apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said at least one side plate of said beam restrainer portion includes a plurality of apertures formed therein, said apertures operable to receive fasteners for securing the beam to said at least one side plate.
 - 9. (Currently Amended) A bracket for use in supporting a walkway comprising: a bracket including a beam restrainer having a generally horizontally extending bottom plate for supporting a beam and at least one generally vertically extending side plate for attachment to the beam, a generally vertically extending shaft having an upper end attached to said bottom plate, and a connecting plate attached to and extending radially from said shaft in a plane angled from a plane of said bottom
 - a connector assembly including a threaded rod having an upper end releasably attached to said connecting plate and a lower end, and a bracket releasably attached to said rod lower end, said rod upper end being attached to said connecting plate in a selected one of a plurality of position positions along said rod, said bracket adapted to be attached to an end of a helical anchor.
- 10. (Original) The bracket according to claim 9 wherein said connecting plate extends radially at an angle from a longitudinal axis of said beam restrainer.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A walkway supporting bracket and anchor apparatus comprising:
 - a screw anchor having an upper end with an aperture formed therein;

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- a connector assembly having a lower end releasably attached to said screw anchor upper end by a fastener extending through said aperture; and
- a bracket assembly releasably attached to an upper end of said connector assembly for transferring a load applied to said bracket to said helical anchor, said bracket assembly including a beam restrainer having a generally horizontally extending bottom plate for supporting a beam and at least one generally vertically extending side plate for attachment to the beam, a generally vertically extending shaft having an upper end attached to said bottom plate, and a connecting plate attached to and extending radially from said shaft in a plane angled from a plane of said bottom plate, said connecting plate being releasably attached to said upper end of said connector assembly.
- 12. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein said connector assembly includes a generally U-shaped bracket having a pair of legs, said upper end of said screw anchor extending between said legs and said fastener extending through said legs.
- 13. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said connector assembly includes a threaded rod releasably attached at a lower end to said generally U-shaped bracket and releasably attached at an upper end to said bracket assembly.

Claim 14 (Cancelled)